

POLYTECHNIC
REPORT MADENUMBER OF SCHOLARSHIPS IS
GROWING.

CLEAN UP CITY IS SUGGESTION

Commercial Club Considers Important
Matters—Fourth of July Celebration
Calls Forth Discussion—
F. H. Walker Elected Trustee.

Progress in the securing of scholarships for the Polytechnic school was the substance of a report at Commercial Club meeting last Monday evening. Prof. Van Scoy, who has the matter in charge, stated that he had 36 pledges and others in prospect to make the number 45. He was decidedly optimistic as to additional scholarships and expressed the belief that at least 60 would be secured in this city before the outside campaign is begun. The report elicited much favorable comment and called forth volunteers of financial support from various members to send Prof. Van Scoy into the field to solicit scholars for the school. With the impetus the project now has, the school will undoubtedly succeed.

Prof. Van Scoy has had a wide experience in this work, having canvassed the field of southern Oregon and northern California many times in the interest of the normal school. He is well acquainted with people all over this district and will succeed in his undertaking. The campaign will be begun by correspondence and will be taken up by Prof. Van Scoy in person within a few weeks.

A communication was read from E. T. Staples, president of the Southern Oregon District Fair Association, in which it was stated that the Natatorium had been secured for the holding of exhibits. This spacious building will afford ample room for the proper display of fruits and vegetables as well as articles of needlework. The report also stated that the list of fair premiums would be in the hands of the state printer this week and would be available shortly.

J. F. Meikle presented his resignation as trustee and the place was filled by the election of F. H. Walker. The matter of the celebration of the Fourth of July came in for lively consideration and met with universal approval. G. F. Billings presented the matter in connection with comments on the coming Chautauqua assembly, which opens in Ashland July 2. The session this year is earlier than usual and extends over the Fourth. On this account Mr. Billings thought it expedient that a celebration should be considered. The suggestion was seconded by others who expressed themselves as highly favorable to a celebration of the same kind. Mr. Freeburg reported having had the matter up for consideration with several of the business men, all of whom he found heartily in favor of it. His plan was for a barbecue up the canyon as the big main attraction, with other features, such as a ball game and races during the day and a carnival at night. Amos Ninger spoke enthusiastically in behalf of a celebration, offering the suggestion that the effort would be well repaid in the amount of money that would be well repaid in the amount of money that would be brought into the city by visitors. H. G. Enders also gave his views in favor of the movement and the general opinion prevailed that the celebration is the thing we want, as a benefit to Chautauqua and to business men. The Chautauqua association has two superb musical attractions scheduled for that day, the Schumann Quintet appearing both afternoon and evening. Messrs. Ninger and Freeburg have the matter in charge and have called a meeting for Friday evening in the club rooms, at which time the matter will receive full consideration.

Considerable interest was evinced in the matter of the deplorable condition of our streets all over the city. Mr. Enders, being a progressive member of the park board and interested in the cleaning up of the city generally, called the attention of the club to the fact that weeds are allowed to grow in the principal streets of the city, to the great discredit of the property holders and our city in general. The power of the city council to cope with the situation was touched upon and their disposition as well, Mr. Greer expressing the belief that the statutes of the state and the ordinances of the city held sufficient authority for the enforced cleaning up of park rows and vacant lots as a protection to those who desire to keep their property clean. The opinion that the council could do this and should be criticised if it did not was freely expressed. The imminence of Chautauqua was cited as an impetus for the work to begin.

In further connection with the coming Chautauqua assembly, the president volunteered to appoint committees to see to it that prominent visitors to our assembly this summer have an opportunity to see the beauties and advantages of this city and surroundings while here.

Rug Weaving.

J. B. Wolf of the Reliable Rug Factory of Corning, Cal., is stopping at Hotel Park, taking orders for rug weaving. Please write and address general delivery, or phone 163.

ELKS ARE ARRESTED.

Young Men Hiking to Convention
Have Rare Experiences.

Great excitement! The three Elk hikers, F. S. Lyon, C. D. Stone and H. F. Clark, members of the Brookfield, Mo., lodge, who are walking from their home to Portland to be there for the convention next month, have been arrested! The first word of this thrilling experience was received from them in a letter from Pocatello, Idaho, where the jolly three were entertained by the local lodge as guests of ex-Governor Brady. One arrest was made by deputy United States marshals of Wyoming as the boys were counting ties over the Oregon Short Line. The charge placed against them was complicity in a series of postoffice robberies. When the hikers showed the credentials of nearly a dozen Elk lodges en route, the arresting officers acted as hosts for the Missourians during their stay. A couple of days before the boys were arrested on suspicion of being mixed up in a highway robbery.

So far the long-distance pilgrims have not been compelled to sleep a night in the open and have not had to carry a luncheon with them. They have covered more than three-fourths of the 2,200-mile walk and are several days ahead of schedule. Their plan now is to reach Troutdale, 18 miles east of Portland, on July 1 and go into camp there for a few days.

The greatest crop of fruit in its history and one that will bring \$13,000,000 to \$15,000,000 to the orchardists, is promised in the Pacific northwest this year.

HOLD BRIEF SESSION

City Council Gets Through With
Routine Matters Before Curfew
Rings—Street Work Discussed.

The regular session of the city council last Tuesday evening was a short one, adjournment being taken before the hour of 9. Routine matters occupied the attention of the council for the most part, the only matters of serious moment seeming to relate to the assessment of street grading against abutting property owners and the alleged menace to the city's water supply in the recent filing of petition for water out of Ashland creek by J. B. Hunter. In the latter case there seemed a division of opinion as to the true status of this filing, it being the opinion of the mayor and Councilman England that the filing was for surplus water only, in which opinion, it was stated, Attorney Moore concurred, while Councilman Butler expressed the belief that the filing was in the nature of a contest of the city's right, which, if not combatted, would be a serious menace to the city's interests. The mayor stated that he would take the matter up with Attorney Moore at once to the end that the city's interests be properly protected.

The question of assessment of grading expense against abutting property owners was brought up in the form of a motion by Cunningham that the present ordinance on the subject be repealed. Under this ordinance the property owner bears the expense of grading, Mr. Cunningham contending that the city should bear that expense. The motion came as the result of a petition on the part of several citizens that upper Granite street be graded for some distance up the canyon, the matter presenting some problems as to precedent on the one hand and justice to the abutting property owners on the other. The petition was referred to the street committee but the motion for repeal of the ordinance was lost, Butler and Cunningham voting in the minority.

The resignation of Mrs. Meikle as a member of the park commission was accepted and the matter of appointment of a successor taken under advisement by the mayor. A communication was read from Martin Brothers relative to the sale to the city of 40 acres of land at the power house. A four-inch water main was ordered to be laid on Laurel and Orange streets.

Councilman Gowdy presented the matter of the condition of the city streets, calling the attention of the council to the fact that many of the streets of the city present excellent pasturage. Mayor Neil stated that he was notifying property owners as rapidly as possible. The street committee came in for some criticism at the hands of Councilman Cunningham at this stage. Mr. Cunningham citing the condition of Almond and other streets that had been promised attention and had not received it. Councilman Sanderson, chairman of the street committee, expressed immediate action in the matter and it is hoped that the opening of Chautauqua will see the streets of Ashland free from weeds and ruts.

Attention, Fruit Growers.

Prof. P. J. O'Gara will hold a meeting at Ashland at the city hall, June 8, at 1:30 o'clock sharp, for the purpose of hearing all complaints and helping to adjust all claims against the Texas Nursery Company of Sherman, Texas, for damages caused by said company shipping and selling infested Early Wheeler peach trees to the fruit growers of Jackson county, Oregon. All parties having bought the Early Wheeler peach trees from this firm are requested to be present.

F. F. SMITH,

County Fruit Inspector.

The rest room at Vaupe's is at your service during the Carnival.

IDEAL WEATHER MARKS CARNIVAL

FIRST DAY OF ANNUAL EVENT FILLED WITH DELIGHT—PARADES
WITNESSED BY HUNDREDS OF VISITORS—EXHIBIT
LARGE AND MAGNIFICENT

The third annual Rose and Strawberry Carnival passed its first day of celebration with splendor and glory. The streets were packed with hundreds of local citizens and visitors from various points down the valley. Stores and residences presented gala attire and the whole city turned out to greet the queen of the carnival and her retinue of floats.

The festivities of the day opened with the carriage, horseback and bicycle parade, which started from the east side school at 11 o'clock. The approach of the queen in her magnificent float of snowy white was heralded by strains of music from the Ashland band, and as the parade approached, crowds rushed to the curbs and to office windows to greet the day's supreme ruler. G. S. Butler and Mrs. W. W. Dann, mounted on gayly caparisoned steeds, led the line and behind them came the Ashland band in spotless white, immediately followed by the queen's float, an artistic creation of pure white, trimmed with pink peach blossoms. In the center, mounted upon her high seat, sat Miss Kathryn Shook, queen of the day, surrounded by her attendants and with cupids and butterflies very much in evidence. The throngs of people that lined the streets greeted her with hearty applause as she passed each face of business, to which greeting her gracious smile gave recognition.

The Conway company excited universal comment by the neat and artistic arrangement of their miniature bungalow, with its lawn and shrubbery, its cobblestone pillars and chimney, and the fine little touch of real live rabbits hopping about upon the green. The bungalow presented a complete dwelling of the modern style of construction, a most creditable creation.

From their gas range, the Oregon Gas & Electric Company distributed cookies to the crowds—cookies baked by gas. Roses were seen to form the main feature of another float carrying little girls, whose heads formed the center of the flowers. Mrs. Austin Brown appeared in a gayly decorated chariot, drawn by spirited horses. The Oasis confectionery parlors on the Boulevard, owned by Charles Loomis, was fittingly portrayed by the representation of camels resting and feeding in the desert oasis. The question, "Who wouldn't be a camel?" added to the impressiveness of the float. Moyer & Van Natta appeared in the act of erecting a house, this feature being in the nature of a burlesque which caused much merriment among the onlookers.

Thirty-two horses and riders formed this part of the parade, making a gorgeous cavalcade with their floral decorations and shining draperies. The effect of this feature was a most pleasing one. Eighteen bicycles, with wheels interwoven with flowers and bunting, completed the list of mounts.

Fuller's barrel and the long man created much merriment. The former revealed a man walking in a barrel, with portions of union suit visible above and below, a gentle reminder that his clothes are being cleaned at Fuller's tailoring establishment. The long man, towering twelve feet above the pavement, made good use of his bogle and voice to proclaim the worth of the three firms of Good & Danford, Fuller's and Hosler's. This is without doubt the longest ever seen in Ashland.

The afternoon parade was made up entirely of automobiles, led by

the Elks' float with its trimmings of purple and white. C. B. Lamkin appeared in a neatly decorated machine, covered with Scotch broom. Dr. Bostough's prevailing color was purple, a huge eagle being mounted in front, from whose mouth stretched streamers of purple and white to all parts of the car. Billy Briggs, completely concealed in a large shoe of red draperies and flowers, with the name "Briggs" set in white in relief against the red, created much interest. The Sunshine Society float, with its load of pretty little girls, was an imposing spectacle, while other machines showed much work and artistic decoration. A score of automobiles took part in the parade, presenting, all in all, a spectacular scene. The presence of natural flowers in the decorations is commendable, the purpose of the carnival being to encourage the cultivation of these flowers as well as to furnish amusement. A profusion of Ashland roses of all hues and varieties marked the decorations all over the city and especially in the parades.

The advantages of the beautiful city park were evidenced by its liberal patronage during the noon hour, fully a thousand people, it is estimated, having brought lunches and spread them on the ground in real picnic fashion. A large number of people from down the valley were in evidence here, having come to Ashland to escape the heat of the day.

The rose and strawberry exhibit in the Stevenson building was liberally patronized all day, the exhibit this year surpassing that of 1911 in many respects. Roses of all hues and varieties as well as many plants of other varieties were in evidence, and the task of the judges in selecting the winners is not an easy one. Announcement of the winners in all contests will be made on the Plaza at 5 o'clock this evening.

FATS 9, LEANS 8.

The ball game between the fats and the leans resulted in victory for the portly gentlemen, captained by Amos Ninger. The skinnys, under the leadership of L. J. Orres, started off with a rush and piled up three scores in the second inning, the first having resulted in a blank for both teams. But the fats came back in their half and hustled in six tallies, due, Hum Pracht says, to poor support given the pitcher. Phillips, the high school star, was put on the mound for the leans in the fifth inning, in the vain hope that the tide of victory might be turned, but the change was too late and the game ended with the fats in the lead, 9 to 8.

The umpiring of Winter and Freeburg was the best ever witnessed on the local diamond, the game being won and lost many times through the superior knowledge of the diamond. Features of the game were the pitching of Pracht, the base-running of Orres, the batting of Pellet and Allnutt. Hits could not be counted and errors were very few.

The line-up: Fats—Lillie c., Logan p., Beaver 1 b., Matern 2 b., Dodge 3 b., Neil ss., Allnutt 1 f., Bowers c. f., Strange r. f., Leans—Orres c., Pracht p., Carter 1 b., Sander 2 b., Plimate s. s., Phillips 3 b., Butterfield 1 f., Pellet r. f., Danford 1 f.

Bachelor's Honeymoon.

The local talent play put on under the direction of Lynn Purdin last

(Continued on Page Eight.)

PLANTING BIG TREES.

Tahoe Forest Being Seeded for Future Generations.

The forest service is raising several acres of big-tree seedlings on the Tahoe national forest in California, at a more northerly point than any natural big-tree grove. While the giant sequoias are found in the forests of the Sierras at various points throughout a total range of some 250 miles, in the northern two-thirds of this range there is practically no natural reproduction. It has been a question whether the species would not practically disappear from this region when the present mature trees die.

The most northern existing grove of big trees is on the Tahoe forest, but about 34 miles southeast of the site selected for planting. This site is on a moist flat not far from Nevada City, and is about 2,700 feet above sea level. The first seeding was done in the fall of 1910, with very successful results, and last fall an additional area was seeded.

The method used in planting the seed was that known to foresters as "the seed spot method." Spots about six feet apart each way were prepared by pulverizing the earth with a garden hoe. Seeds were then dropped on these spots and lightly pressed in the soil with the foot. The flourishing condition of the young seedlings gives good reason to expect a future growth of big trees at this point. With protection of forests from fire there seems to be no reason why the big trees should disappear, even though scientists regard them as survivors from a past age, botanically speaking.

REPORT IS COMPLETE

Experting of County Books Reveals
Indebtedness of \$509,839.08—
Detailed Account of Expenditures Given.

A complete report of the expenditures by Jackson county from 1908 to the present time was completed yesterday by J. H. Wilson, the expert accountant recently engaged to expert the county books.

The report shows that the net debt of the county, July 1, 1908, was \$80,937.49.

On June 1, 1912, the net debt was \$509,839.08, an increased indebtedness of \$428,901.59.

This increase was exceeded, however, by the money spent in this period for roads and bridges amounting to \$483,617.66.

The distribution of expenditures during the four-year term, including only five months in 1908 and five months in 1912, completed from the county clerk's distributing journal, totaled \$760,399.88.

Below are given a few of the interesting items:

Fruit inspectors	\$24,123.52
Indigents, poor farm	27,289.13
County health	2,777.84
Jail and prisoners	3,921.76
Elections	12,312.44
Roads and bridges	483,617.66
Relocating roads	4,543.94
Insane	963.76
New jail	13,456.60
The road and bridge account includes the following bridges:	
Two bridges, Phoenix and Ashland, Bear and Emigrant creeks	\$ 8,615.65
Foots creek bridge	1,535.72
Central Point Bridge Bear creek	7,429.99
Woodyville, across Rogue river	15,733.70
Medford, repair and new decking	675.74
Gold Hill, over Rogue river	11,367.04
Upper Rogue river	8,285.00
Lower Rogue river	12,185.52
Big Butte	3,182.40
Miscellaneous	5,784.66
Total	\$74,795.02

The total taxes for 1911 charged to sheriff, \$760,902.96

The total collections to date 504,847.09 |

Balance due \$256,847.87 |

It is estimated that about \$46,000 of this balance will be available for the payment of county warrants. This amount, however, is subject to some slight change on account of double assessments and delayed collections, which are bound to appear before the whole amount is in.

The total expenditures paid in cash from 1908 to 1912 amount to \$1,314,428.73, which added to the total in warrants makes a gross total of \$2,074,828.61.

Among the items are: Special school orders, \$398,278.69; Special road orders, 153,765.06; Special city orders, 327,116.37; Ashland armory, 5,443.28.

Work performed by the supervisors in 1911 amounted to \$61,416.52, while the cash available amounted to only \$44,544.05. This shortage had to be made up by the county court from the general fund.

Minstrels Coming.

The World's Greatest Minstrel Show, under the management of J. M. Busby, had a crowded tent at their performance in this city last night, and judging from the applause they pleased the people immensely. Regular old negro melody pleases nearly everybody once or twice a year in this part of the country, and these darkeys certainly were the genuine, both with their singing and their dancing. Their jokes and songs were clean in tone and theme.—Nesdesha Daily Sun.

Ashland, Monday, June 10.

COUNTY COURT
IS DETERMINEDWILL BUILD BRIDGE IN CITY OF
MEDFORD.

BOWERS THREATENS INJUNCTION

Large Attendance at Court Meeting
Tuesday—Several Reasons Given
for Stopping Construction of
Bridge Across Bear Creek.

The county court held a special session Tuesday morning for the purpose of receiving bids for the construction of a bridge over Bear creek at Medford. The crowd was so large that the court adjourned to the circuit court room on the second floor. Even this room was filled, there being between 75 and 100 persons present. Most of the citizens at this session were from Medford. Benton Bowers and S. A. Carleton of this vicinity attended the meeting and tendered the county court a protest against the bridge, signed by a number of taxpayers.

Following the opening of the bids, County Judge Neil announced that the bids would be taken under advisement until 1:30 o'clock Wednesday afternoon.

Judge Neil then announced that several persons were present to discuss a protest which had been handed to the county court just previous to its meeting. He announced that if anyone had anything to say, the court would hear them.

Mr. Bowers was the first man to speak. He said that he appeared before the court only as a representative of the men who had signed the protest to the court and that they would certainly enjoin the court if it persisted in going ahead with the matter. It was following Mr. Bowers' first talk that Judge Neil told him that he had better "get busy," for the court certainly would let a contract for the erection of the bridge, as the court believed the present one to be inadequate for the traffic over it, and that the county was required to keep the bridge in proper condition to accommodate travel.

Judge E. E. Kelly of Medford then asked Mr. Bowers to state his exact reasons for opposing the bridge. Mr. Bowers did so, naming the following specific reasons:

1. The county debt now exceeds its legal limit.
2. The county could not afford the bridge at the present time.
3. The bridge was in the nature of granting Medford a special privilege at the expense of the county.
4. That Medford had secured far more than her share of the county funds in the past.
5. That the present bridge is adequate for present needs.
6. That the county has paid the Medford road district enough in the past for Medford to build its own bridge.
7. That there is no demand for such a structure outside of the city of Medford as it is not on a main road.
8. That the money is needed elsewhere in the county.

The court met again yesterday morning and Messrs. Bowers and Carleton presented additional names in protest against the building of the bridge. The total number of names protesting now has reached 700, all of whom are from other points in the valley than Ashland. It is a significant fact that not a single name comes from this precinct. The contract, however, was let by the court in the face of this protest.

SOUTHERN PACIFIC COMPANY.

New Time Schedule, Taking Effect

June 9, 1912.

Effective June 9, train 15 will be changed to No. 13, leaving Portland 8:15 p. m., arrive San Francisco 7:30 a. m., making connection Short Line Limited train No. 20, leaving San Francisco 8 a. m., arriving Los Angeles 9:30 p. m., or reduction in time of two hours and thirty minutes between Portland and San Francisco. Train 14, carrying equipment present No. 16, will leave San Francisco 10:20 p. m., arriving Portland 7 a. m. These trains will run via Woodland, carrying section observation car.

Present No. 13 will be changed to No. 15, leaving Portland 1:30 a. m., arrive San Francisco 1:10 p. m.

No. 16, leave San Francisco 8:20 p. m., arrive Portland 8:15 a. m., and will handle local business north of Eugene, these trains running via Sacramento.

Trains 27 and 28 will be limited trains between Portland and Eugene.

No. 27, leave Portland 5:15 p. m., arrive Eugene 9:05 p. m.

Train 28, leave Eugene 7 a. m., arrive Portland 11:15 a. m., making stops only at Oregon City, Woodburn, Salem, Albany and Junction City, making connection at Albany for Corvallis and Lebanon.

JOHN M. SCOTT, G. P. A.

Flag Day Exercises.

The local lodge of Elks will hold appropriate Flag Day exercises June 14, in celebration of the adoption of the American flag by congress, June 14, 1777. This is an annual event with the Elks. The Elks hall is cool and its seating capacity ample. The public are cordially invited.

Fourth of July Meeting

Considerable interest is manifest this week in the proposed celebration of the Fourth of July in Ashland. It is generally conceded that this year is Ashland's year to celebrate, partly because we have not done so for four years and partly because the Chautauqua season extends over the Fourth. Plans for the celebration are already maturing and a meeting has been called for tomorrow (Friday) evening, in the Commercial Club rooms, at which time the matter will be thoroughly gone into. Promoters of the celebration say that if sufficient interest is manifest there will be a sane celebration. The advantages to Ashland at this particular time cannot be overestimated. Thousands of people from down the valley would flock to Ashland to escape the heat of the lower altitudes. The canyon is the most inviting spot in the entire valley, and a barbecue, such as is suggested, would be a big drawing card. Chautauqua has two of the biggest entertainments of the course scheduled for that day and there would be plenty of time for other sports. If business houses would offer prizes for the various contests and a small subscription given by each one interested, the celebration could be made a hummer. Sack races, tug of war, automobile endurance, foot races, greasy pole, greased pig and all the other old-time sports are just the things Ashland needs at this particular time. The Tidings will place a \$5 gold piece on the top of a greased pole as a starter. Let's have a celebration. Come out Friday evening and lend your influence and support. Meeting will be held in the Commercial Club rooms.